



FORMULA ONE RETURNS TO ITS ROOTS FOR ONE OF THE MORE SPECIAL OCCASIONS OF THE YEAR, THE BRITISH GRAND PRIX.

SILVERSTONE HOSTED the very first Formula 1 Grand Prix and 73 years later it has lost none of its charm, speed and prestige.

Whilst the 400,000 plus fans that are expected to pack the former RAF WWII airbase will be hoping for something special from home heroes Lewis Hamilton, Lando Norris, George Russell and Alex Albon, the 2023 edition is Red Bull's to lose.

After Max Verstappen secured his fifth straight win in Austria, Red Bull is looking to make it an amazing 10 on the trot.

However, Silverstone was one of the tracks where the dominant team came unstuck last year with Sergio Perez finishing second behind winner Carlos Sainz and Verstappen down in seventh after floor damage from debris proved costly.

Amazingly the Dutch driver is yet to win a British Grand Prix despite winning at Silverstone in 2020 at the 70th Anniversary Grand Prix.

It will take a mighty effort to stop Verstappen this time after he was in cruise control in Austria despite surviving some brief battles with Ferrari and his teammate.

A surge from 15th to third means Perez appears to be back, but he is still searching for a complete weekend after track limits hurt him in qualifying and he fell 21s behind Verstappen after an early Sprint stoush.

After Ferrari proved it was the second fastest team in Austria, Mercedes is looking to respond and hopes a new front wing upgrade could provide what is needed.

The "black arrows" could only muster seventh and eighth in the Grand Prix, but

the team expects the sweeping nature of Silverstone to better suit the W14.

No driver has clicked with the historic venue like Hamilton, who always raises his game in front of his home fans and is aiming to keep his ridiculous home podium streak alive.

But another British driver, who could be a factor is Lando Norris, who returned to the front of the field at Austria.

Norris extracted the most out of an upgraded MCL60 to snare fourth and the result will provide plenty of confidence for the youngster.

It will also ensure Australia's Oscar Piastri will be one to watch as the upgrades finally arrive on his side of the garage.

Piastri has enjoyed a solid amount of success at the home of the British Grand Prix and hopes to send a statement after an unlucky battle in Austria.

Having been the second fastest team for most of the season, Aston Martin and Fernando Alonso would have been hurting from a difficult Austria.

Although Red Bull is the clear favourite, the battle for best of the rest appears to be a fascinating one.

Seeing the cars fly through the high-speed changes of direction at Maggots and Becketts never ceases to amaze.

The traditional weekend format returns at Silverstone after the Austrian Sprint and qualifying could be impacted by the usual summer rain.



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ROUND ELEVEN BRITISH GRAND PRIX - SILVERSTONE - JULY 7-9

FORMULA 1 is back to where it all began, the famous sweeping bends of Silverstone. Located on an old RAF WWII airfield, Silverstone hosted the first ever Formula 1 Grand Prix in 1950 and has special place in the hearts of drivers and fans alike, The fast Maggotts and Becketts section never disappoints, while the new starting section running from Abbey to Brooklands has added new life to the track since arriving in 2010.



TRACK STATS

QUALIFYING LAP RECORD:

- Lewis Hamilton 1:24.303
- Mercedes-AMG F1 W11 EQ Performance (2020)

RACE LAP RECORD:

- Max Verstappen 1:27.097
- Red Bull Racing RB16 (2020)

TRACK FACTS



TRACK LENGTH:
5.891KM



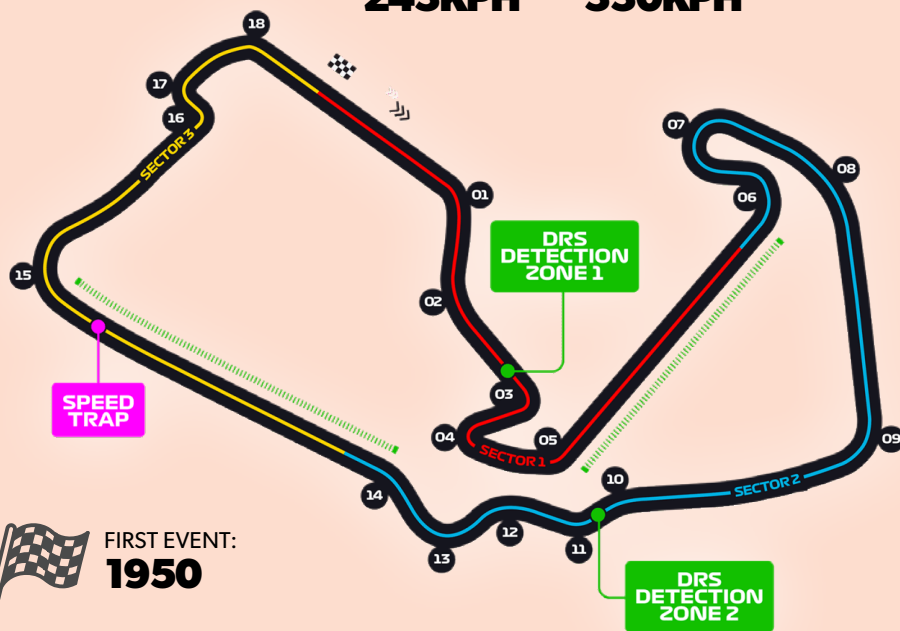
DIRECTION:
CLOCKWISE



AVERAGE SPEED:
243KPH



TOP SPEED:
330KPH



FIRST EVENT:
1950

TRACK SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES AEST)

FRIDAY, JULY 7

TIME	SESSION
21.30-22.30	Practice 1

SATURDAY, JULY 8

TIME	SESSION
01.00-02.00	Practice 2
20.30-21.30	Practice 3

SUNDAY, JULY 9

TIME	SESSION
00.00-01.00	Qualifying

MONDAY, JULY 10

TIME	SESSION
00.00	Grand Prix



LIST OF RACE RESULTS

2022: Carlos Sainz
2021: Lewis Hamilton
2020 2: Max Verstappen
2020 1: Lewis Hamilton
2019: Lewis Hamilton
2018: Sebastian Vettel
2017: Lewis Hamilton

2016: Lewis Hamilton
2015: Lewis Hamilton
2014: Lewis Hamilton
2013: Nico Rosberg
2012: Mark Webber
2011: Fernando Alonso
2010: Mark Webber

2009: Sebastian Vettel
2008: Lewis Hamilton
2007: Kimi Raikkonen
2006: Fernando Alonso
2005: Juan Pablo Montoya
2004: Michael Schumacher
2003: Rubens Barrichello



MOST WINS

Lewis Hamilton 8
Jim Clark, Alain Prost 5
Nigel Mansell 4



MOST POLES

Lewis Hamilton 7
Jim Clark 5



MOST PODIUMS

Lewis Hamilton 13



LIST OF POLE POSITIONS

2022: Carlos Sainz
2021: Max Verstappen
2020 2: Valtteri Bottas
2020 1: Lewis Hamilton
2019: Valtteri Bottas
2018: Lewis Hamilton
2017: Lewis Hamilton

2016: Lewis Hamilton
2015: Lewis Hamilton
2014: Nico Rosberg
2013: Lewis Hamilton
2012: Fernando Alonso
2011: Mark Webber
2010: Sebastian Vettel

2009: Sebastian Vettel
2008: Heikki Kovalainen
2007: Lewis Hamilton
2006: Fernando Alonso
2005: Fernando Alonso
2004: Kimi Raikkonen
2003: Rubens Barrichello



1ST
229
POINTS

RED BULL

MAX VERSTAPPEN



AGE: 25
DEBUT: Aus 2015
STARTS: 172
BEST QUAL: 1st (x26)
PODIUMS: 88
BEST RESULT: 1st (x42)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 1.22
BEST BRITISH GP: 2nd 2016,20



TEAM PRINCIPAL CHRISTIAN HORNER

Despite being the current king of Formula 1, one thing Max Verstappen has not got his hands on is the famous golden British Grand Prix trophy. Although the Dutch driver did win at Silverstone in 2020, that was the 70th Anniversary GP. Enjoyed another peerless run to the Sprint and GP win in Austria after resisting a brief battle against his teammate.

2ND
148
POINTS

RED BULL

SERGIO PEREZ



AGE: 33
DEBUT: Aus 2011
STARTS: 244
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 32
BEST RESULT: 1st (x5)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 4.44
BEST BRITISH GP: 2nd 2022



TEAM PRINCIPAL CHRISTIAN HORNER

Just when it looked like things might have fallen apart again, Sergio Perez salvaged his first podium in four races. After a track limits disaster, Perez had another Q2 exit, but fought hard on Sunday. This occurred after finishing second best in a wheel-to-wheel battle with Verstappen in the Sprint. Last year is his only Silverstone podium.

3RD
131
POINTS

ASTON MARTIN

FERNANDO ALONSO



AGE: 41
DEBUT: Aus 2001
STARTS: 364
BEST QUAL: 1st (x22)
PODIUMS: 104
BEST RESULT: 1st (x32)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 3.56
BEST BRITISH GP: 1st 06,11



TEAM PRINCIPAL MIKE KRACK

Whilst his third position in the championship remains strong, Fernando Alonso and Aston Martin would have been a touch disappointed by Austria. They could only manage a pair of fifths, which Alonso described as the "maximum". Been on the British GP podium six times, but not since 2013.

4TH
106
POINTS

MERCEDES

LEWIS HAMILTON



AGE: 38
DEBUT: Aus 2007
STARTS: 318
BEST QUAL: 1st (x103)
PODIUMS: 193
BEST RESULT: 1st (x103)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 4.56
BEST BRITISH GP: 1st 08, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21



TEAM PRINCIPAL TOTO WOLFF

Lewis Hamilton is the Silverstone master and he hopes his love affair with his home race continues in 2023. Whilst an unprecedented ninth British GP win may be unlikely, he hopes to at least score a crazy 11th successive Silverstone podium even after "struggling" in Austria.

5TH
82
POINTS

FERRARI

CARLOS SAINZ JR



AGE: 28
DEBUT: Aus 2015
STARTS: 171
BEST QUAL: 1st (x3)
PODIUMS: 15
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 6.22
BEST BRITISH GP: 1st 2022



TEAM PRINCIPAL FRED VASSEUR

Carlos Sainz returns to the scene of the greatest moment in his Formula 1 career. Last year Sainz converted pole into a special maiden win at Silverstone, which remains Ferrari's last victory. But the team is fighting back with Sainz getting a Sprint podium and fifth in Austria despite losing time after his second stop.

6TH
72
POINTS

FERRARI

CHARLES LECLERC



AGE: 25
DEBUT: Aus 2018
STARTS: 111
BEST QUAL: 1st (x19)
PODIUMS: 26
BEST RESULT: 1st (x5)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 5.71
BEST BRITISH GP: 2ND 2021



TEAM PRINCIPAL FRED VASSEUR

Charles Leclerc will be looking to continue Ferrari's momentum after returning to the podium in Austria. Made good use of the upgrades to score second. Despite never winning there Leclerc has a strong British GP record for Ferrari with three podiums and a lowest finish of fourth including the near miraculous win that just slipped away in 2021.

7TH
72
POINTS

MERCEDES

GEORGE RUSSELL



AGE: 25
DEBUT: Aus 2019
STARTS: 91
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)
PODIUMS: 10
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 5.43
BEST BRITISH GP: 12th 20,21



TEAM PRINCIPAL TOTO WOLFF

George Russell will be desperate to score his first points on home soil this weekend. After walking away from his Mercedes to assist Zhou last year, Russell retired and 12th is his best British result from his Williams days. Needs to rebound after two "challenging" races in Canada and Austria.

8TH
44
POINTS

ASTON MARTIN

LANCE STROLL



AGE: 24
DEBUT: Aus 2017
STARTS: 131
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 3
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x3)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 7.57
BEST BRITISH GP: 8th 2021



TEAM PRINCIPAL MIKE KRACK

Lance Stroll has taken a hat-trick of points finishes and needs to keep that streak alive for Aston Martin as the battle for second in the teams championship heats up. Started strong with a fourth in the Sprint before losing some ground, but still getting a pair of points in the race. Two top 10s from six British GPs.

9TH
31
POINTS

ALPINE

ESTEBAN OCON



AGE: 26
DEBUT: Bel 2016
STARTS: 120
BEST QUAL: 3rd (x2)
PODIUMS: 3
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 9.88
BEST BRITISH GP: 6th 2020



TEAM PRINCIPAL OTMAR SZAFNAUER

Esteban Ocon's hot streak of podiums came to an end with an underwhelming Austrian Grand Prix. Crossed the line 14th after first-lap damage and another unsafe release penalty. Had a strong Silverstone record, but his streak of never missing the points there came to an end last year due to a fuel pump issue.

10TH
24
POINTS

MCLAREN

LANDO NORRIS



AGE: 23
DEBUT: Aus 2019
STARTS: 91
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 6
BEST RESULT: 2nd (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 12.11
BEST BRITISH GP: 4th 2021



TEAM PRINCIPAL ZAC BROWN

Lando Norris is a revitalised figure ahead of his home race after new upgrades helped him score his best finish in 14 races. The boy from Bristol doubled his points tally in Austria with an impressive drive to fourth, while he has been a solid performer at home since 2020.

11TH
16
POINTS

ALPINE

PIERRE GASLY



TEAM PRINCIPAL OTMAR SZAFNAUER

Pierre Gasly scraped into the 10 in Austria which was the "most we could extract" as Alpine "lacked" pace compared to its nearest rivals. Gasly dropped back in the Sprint, but held position on Sunday. The Frenchman retired from last year's British Grand Prix after tangling with his AlphaTauri teammate.

AGE: 27
DEBUT: *Mal* 2017
STARTS: 116
BEST QUAL: 2nd (x1)
PODIUMS: 3
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 10.22
BEST BRITISH GP: 4th 2019



12TH
9
POINTS

HAAS

NICO HULKENBERG



TEAM PRINCIPAL GUENTHER STEINER

Whilst race pace remains an issue, Nico Hulkenberg continues to lead Haas from the front. Back to back Q3 appearances helped Hulkenberg score points in the Sprint, but a power unit failure brought his GP to an early end. Hopes to extend his streak of eight straight points finishes at Silverstone.

AGE: 35
DEBUT: *Bah* 2010
STARTS: 189
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 4th (x3)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.12
BEST BRITISH GP: 6th 2018



13TH
7
POINTS

WILLIAMS

ALEX ALBON



TEAM PRINCIPAL JAMES VOWLES

After an outstanding Canadian Grand Prix, Alex Albon was disappointed to fall short of points in Austria. Despite being in the fight, he was 11s away in 11th. Only has one British GP top 10, but hopes to put on a show in Williams' 800th Grand Prix.

AGE: 27
DEBUT: *Aus* 2019
STARTS: 68
BEST QUAL: 4th (x4)
PODIUMS: 3
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 12.17
BEST BRITISH GP: 8th 2020



14TH
5
POINTS

MCLAREN

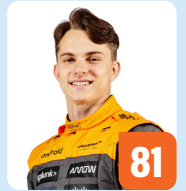
OSCAR PIASTRI



TEAM PRINCIPAL ZAC BROWN

After watching Norris perform with an upgraded MCL60, Oscar Piastri has been longing for the same opportunity and that will come in Silverstone. Piastri will have ambitions of returning to Q3 and the points after track limits and unlucky contact were costly in Austria. Has enjoyed Silverstone ever since he won on debut in British F4 in 2017.

AGE: 21
DEBUT: *Bah* 2023
STARTS: 9
BEST QUAL: 8th (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 8th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 12.88
BEST BRITISH GP: N/A



15TH
5
POINTS

ALFA ROMEO SAUBER

VALTTERI BOTTAS



TEAM PRINCIPAL ALESSANDRO ALUNNI BRAVI

Alfa Romeo was searching for pace all weekend in Austria which meant Valtteri Bottas had to resort to 15th in a race where a tear-off blocked his brake duct. Hopes some upgrades this weekend can bring him closer to the points. Retired last year due to a gearbox issue.

AGE: 33
DEBUT: *Aus* 2013
STARTS: 209
BEST QUAL: 1 (x20)
PODIUMS: 67
BEST RESULT: 1st (x10)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.67
BEST BRITISH GP: 2nd 14,179



16TH
2
POINTS

ALFA ROMEO SAUBER

ZHOU GUANYU



TEAM PRINCIPAL ALESSANDRO ALUNNI BRAVI

It will be a haunting weekend for Zhou Guanyu as he returns to the scene of his horrifying Turn 1 crash last year where he skated upside down and tumbled deep into the catch fence and almost into the crowd. Austria had happier memories being his best non points finish of the season, while he won at F2 level in Silverstone.

AGE: 23
DEBUT: *Bah* 2022
STARTS: 31
BEST QUAL: 9th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 8th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13
BEST AUSTRIAN GP: DNF 2022



17TH
2
POINTS

ALPHATAURI

YUKI TSUNODA



TEAM PRINCIPAL FRANZ TOST

Austria was arguably the low point of Yuki Tsunoda's season so far. P19 was his worst result of the season, mainly because he sustained damage after an opening-lap tour of the gravel. Scored points on Silverstone debut in 2021, but finished 14th last year.

AGE: 23
DEBUT: *Bah* 2021
STARTS: 50
BEST QUAL: 7th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 4th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 12.56
BEST BRITISH GP: 10th 2021



18TH
2
POINTS

HAAS

KEVIN MAGNUSSEN



TEAM PRINCIPAL GUENTHER STEINER

Kevin Magnussen is determined to bounce back from a "very poor" race in Austria where he crossed the line 18th. Magnussen had a high-speed off after a battle with De Vries went wrong at Turn 6. Has had an up and down journey at Britain with his best result still seventh from his debut season.

AGE: 30
DEBUT: *Aus* 2014
STARTS: 151
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 1
BEST RESULT: 2nd (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 15
BEST BRITISH GP: 7th 2014



19TH
0
POINTS

WILLIAMS

LOGAN SARGEANT



TEAM PRINCIPAL JAMES VOWLES

Whilst points remain distant, Logan Sargeant has lifted himself off from the bottom of the standings after a solid performance at Austria. Sargeant stayed out of trouble to cross the line 13th, his second best of the season. Loves Silverstone with F3 and F2 wins at the fast venue.

AGE: 22
DEBUT: *Ita* 2023
STARTS: 9
BEST QUAL: 15th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 12th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 16.38
BEST BRITISH GP: N/A



20TH
0
POINTS

ALPHATAURI

NYCK DE VRIES



TEAM PRINCIPAL FRANZ TOST

Nyck de Vries is back on the bottom despite putting in a "solid race" in Austria. De Vries finished 17th after a five-second penalty for pushing Magnussen off the track. Spent the weekend fighting off rumours about his future and knows the pressure is still there. Only one podium from eight F3/F2 starts at Silverstone.

AGE: 28
DEBUT: *Ita* 2022
STARTS: 9
BEST QUAL: 8th (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 9TH (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 15.25
BEST BRITISH GP: N/A

